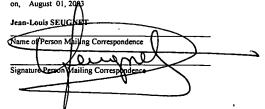
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Case **RN97075D**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Bruno LANGLOIS

Examiner: KHARE, DEVESH

Serial Number: 10/082,555 Art Unit: 1623

Filing Date: 10/22/2001

For: FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND

INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 1.121

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of February 11, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a three extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the above-identified application, and the Commissioner is authorised to charge Deposit Account.

No. 18-1171 the amount of \$930.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge the amount of \$84.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.16(b) to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge any payment associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

In this connection, the Commissioner is in particular hereby authorized to charge payment of:

- any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and
- any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No.

18-1171.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: